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**From:** FORREST FIELDER [fielder\_4@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 12, 2011 4:45 PM  
**To:** Pierce-Web  
**Cc:** Kennedy-Web; Stump-Web; Burns-Web; Newman-Web  
**Subject:** decoupling support



Dear Chairman Pierce and Commissioners -

As an Arizona ratepayer and supporter of energy conservation, I writing to encourage you to support the decoupling proposals in the APS and SWG rate cases before you. The logic of these proposals is clear enough to me, that energy conservation results in declining revenues for utilities, while fixed costs and the expectation of excellent customer service remain. I much prefer incremental rate increases to offset the savings customers realize through the utilities conservation efforts to the large increases to be needed eventually to pay for the capital and environmental costs associated with the construction of new generating facilities.

I was in attendance at the Sun City public hearing on Friday 10/7, and had hoped that APS and SWG representatives would be there to explain this rationale to the audience. I genuinely believe that there are few seniors who would willingly "kick the can down the road" to their kids and grandkids, if they understood the need for conservation and the consequences of our failure to conserve. The sentiment in the room seemed to imply that the Commission would not maintain oversight of the utilities programs, revenues, and profits. This demographic, and the public in general, could use some reassurance that the Commission will do it's job and protect today's and tomorrow's ratepayers' interests. I sense that the Commission understands this, and you have my support and encouragement to make the right decision for Arizona's future.

Sincerely,  
Forrest Fielder  
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**From:** Sierra Club [information@sierraclub.org] on behalf of Jan Anderson  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 11, 2011 11:01 AM  
**To:** Newman-Web  
**Subject:** Re: Consumer comments in favor of decoupling and energy efficiency, #G-01551A-10-0458

Oct 11, 2011

Commissioner Paul Newman  
1200 W. Washington St.  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Commissioner Newman,

As a Southwest Gas customer and an Arizonan who is very concerned about the costs of energy and energy waste, I strongly urge the Arizona Corporation Commission to support the adoption of both energy efficiency and decoupling in the Southwest Gas rate case.

Our current system isn't working for me or others who are interested in conserving energy and lowering utility bills. We are sending billions of dollars and many jobs out of the state to buy fuel for our energy needs. If we don't fix the problem now, we are setting ourselves up to pay higher energy bills because utilities will buy more fuel from out of state and build more infrastructure, which we will ultimately pay for on our utility bills (PLUS interest!). To make matters worse, the current system financially rewards utilities for selling us more energy than we need. This results in wasteful energy use that drives bills higher and higher.

The Commission and the utilities should be helping Arizonans lower energy bills. We can do this through increased energy efficiency and through decoupling, which removes the utility incentive to waste.

I believe becoming more energy efficient is in everyone's best interests!

As a ratepayer, I want you to support both decoupling and energy conservation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ms. Jan Anderson  
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**From:** Sierra Club [information@sierraclub.org] on behalf of Barbara Cain [birdcain@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 11, 2011 4:14 PM  
**To:** Newman-Web  
**Subject:** Re: Consumer comments in favor of decoupling and energy efficiency, #G-01551A-10-0458

Oct 11, 2011

Commissioner Paul Newman  
1200 W. Washington St.  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Commissioner Newman,

As a Southwest Gas customer and an Arizonan who is very concerned about the costs of energy and energy waste, I strongly urge the Arizona Corporation Commission to support the adoption of both energy efficiency and decoupling in the Southwest Gas rate case.

In my opinion, our current system isn't working for me or others who are interested in conserving energy and lowering utility bills. I've added insulation in my attic! I've checked my doors and windows for escaping air. I've turned my heat down and wash with cold water. SO, now you would like to raise my rates???

We are sending billions of dollars and many jobs out of the state to buy fuel for our energy needs. If we don't fix the problem now, we are setting ourselves up to pay higher energy bills because utilities will buy more fuel from out of state and build more infrastructure, which we will ultimately pay for on our utility bills (PLUS interest!). To make matters worse, the current system financially rewards utilities for selling us more energy than we need. This results in wasteful energy use that drives bills higher and higher.

The Commission and the utilities should be helping Arizonans lower energy bills. We can do this through increased energy efficiency and through decoupling, which removes the utility incentive to waste.

Please think of the future!

As a ratepayer, I want you to support both decoupling and energy conservation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Sierra Club [information@sierraclub.org] on behalf of Jean Clark [jeanc1881@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 11, 2011 5:42 PM  
**To:** Newman-Web  
**Subject:** Re: Consumer comments in favor of decoupling and energy efficiency, #G-01551A-10-0458

Oct 11, 2011

Commissioner Paul Newman  
1200 W. Washington St.  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Commissioner Newman,

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Our current system isn't working for me or others who are interested in conserving energy and lowering utility bills. We are sending billions of dollars and many jobs out of the state to buy fuel for our energy needs. If we don't fix the problem now, we are setting ourselves up to pay higher energy bills because utilities will buy more fuel from out of state and build more infrastructure, which we will ultimately pay for on our utility bills (PLUS interest!). To make matters worse, the current system financially rewards utilities for selling us more energy than we need. This results in wasteful energy use that drives bills higher and higher.

The Commission and the utilities should be helping Arizonans lower energy bills. We can do this through increased energy efficiency and through decoupling, which removes the utility incentive to waste.

As a ratepayer, I want you to support both decoupling and energy conservation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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## Jennifer Ybarra

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**From:** Sierra Club [information@sierraclub.org] on behalf of Jenny Roberts [azjen@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 10, 2011 8:13 PM  
**To:** Newman-Web  
**Subject:** Re: Consumer comments in favor of decoupling and energy efficiency, #G-01551A-10-0458

Oct 10, 2011

Commissioner Paul Newman  
1200 W. Washington St.  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Commissioner Newman,

As a Southwest Gas customer and an Arizonan who is very concerned about the costs of energy and energy waste, I strongly urge the Arizona Corporation Commission to support the adoption of both energy efficiency and decoupling in the Southwest Gas rate case.

Our current system isn't working for me or others who are interested in conserving energy and lowering utility bills. We are sending billions of dollars and many jobs out of the state to buy fuel for our energy needs. If we don't fix the problem now, we are setting ourselves up to pay higher energy bills because utilities will buy more fuel from out of state and build more infrastructure, which we will ultimately pay for on our utility bills (PLUS interest!). To make matters worse, the current system financially rewards utilities for selling us more energy than we need. This results in wasteful energy use that drives bills higher and higher.

The Commission and the utilities should be helping Arizonans lower energy bills. We can do this through increased energy efficiency and through decoupling, which removes the utility incentive to waste.

As a ratepayer, I want you to support both decoupling and energy conservation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ms. Jenny Roberts  
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Carefree, AZ 85377-1087

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**From:** Sierra Club [information@sierraclub.org] on behalf of Peter Curia [pgeometro@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 10, 2011 6:43 PM  
**To:** Newman-Web  
**Subject:** Re: Consumer comments in favor of decoupling and energy efficiency, #G-01551A-10-0458

Oct 10, 2011

Commissioner Paul Newman  
1200 W. Washington St.  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Commissioner Newman,

As a Southwest Gas customer and an Arizonan who is very concerned about the costs of energy and energy waste, I strongly urge the Arizona Corporation Commission to support the adoption of both energy efficiency and decoupling in the Southwest Gas rate case.

Our current system isn't working for me or others who are interested in conserving energy and lowering utility bills. We are sending billions of dollars and many jobs out of the state to buy fuel for our energy needs. If we don't fix the problem now, we are setting ourselves up to pay higher energy bills because utilities will buy more fuel from out of state and build more infrastructure, which we will ultimately pay for on our utility bills (PLUS interest!). To make matters worse, the current system financially rewards utilities for selling us more energy than we need. This results in wasteful energy use that drives bills higher and higher.

The Commission and the utilities should be helping Arizonans lower energy bills. We can do this through increased energy efficiency and through decoupling, which removes the utility incentive to waste.

As a ratepayer, I want you to support both decoupling and energy conservation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mr. Peter Curia  
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September 23, 2011

Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 W. Washington Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Consumer comments in favor of decoupling, Southwest Gas Company rate case, #G-01551A-10-0458

Dear Chairman Pierce and Commissioners:

As a Southwest Gas customer and an Arizonan who is very concerned about the costs of energy and energy waste, I strongly urge you to support the adoption of both energy efficiency *and* decoupling in the Southwest Gas rate case.

Our current system isn't working for me or others who are interested in conserving energy and lowering utility bills. We are sending billions of dollars and many jobs out of the state to buy fuel for our energy needs. If we don't fix the problem now, we are setting ourselves up to pay higher energy bills because utilities will buy more fuel from out of state and build more infrastructure, which we will ultimately pay for on our utility bills (*PLUS* interest!). To make matters worse, the current system financially rewards utilities for selling us more energy than we need. This results in wasteful energy use that drives bills UP and UP.

The Commission and the utilities should be helping Arizonans lower energy bills. We can do this through increased energy efficiency and through decoupling, which removes the utility incentive to waste.

I also support higher efficiency natural gas furnaces. Unlike efficiency standards for electricity, little has been done in the past decade to reduce energy consumption for heating homes and businesses. As a country we need to be moving to a 90% AFUE standard, as Canada did several years ago.

As a ratepayer, I want you to support both decoupling and energy conservation.

Thank you for your consideration.

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